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## **Jack Schuster (Ocean Shores) Resigns as Private Schools Representative to the Washington State Board of Education**

Olympia, WA – Jack Schuster (Ocean Shores) has resigned from the Washington State Board of Education, effective March 15.

During his time with the Board, Mr. Schuster was instrumental in the Board's revision of Washington State's math and science standards, the implementation and administration of 180-day calendar waivers, and the development of a career and college-ready graduation requirements framework, a multi-year development process conducted under his shared leadership.

His work on graduation requirements was reflective of Mr. Schuster's commitment to creating a seamless K-12 system. "I have had the position for over 40 years that formal education cannot stop with graduation. High schools must prepare students for the next steps, and adults must be there to help students determine what the next steps will be in an organized, formal way," said Mr. Schuster.

Mr. Schuster leaves the Board with one regret, that he has yet to see the state fully fund K-12 programs. "I cannot remember a time when there was adequate, full funding of education in our state," said Mr. Schuster. "I hope the Washington State Supreme Court will use our work to make educational opportunity and attainment a reality for our students in the future by pressuring the legislature to find a way to fully fund education."

Jack Schuster served on the Board for seven years, beginning in January 2005. Mr. Schuster was selected to the Board as the private schools representative on behalf of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's Private Schools Advisory Committee.

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